

Lebaudy Estate Gross Value Is \$13,368,985

Filing of Transfer Tax Appraisal Closing Episode in Self-Crowned Emperor of Sahara's Strange Career

Date Tax \$307,819.74

Widow and Daughter Agree to Share Millions With Sister of Eccentric Frenchman

The closing episode in the strange story of Jacques Lebaudy, self-crowned Emperor of the Sahara, who was killed in self defense by his wife four years ago, took place in the Surrogate's Court at Mineda yesterday when Edward M. Thompson, transfer tax appraiser of Nassau County, filed his appraisal of the estate, showing a gross value of \$13,368,985.07. The appraisal means that the estate has definitely passed into the hands of the heirs.

Lebaudy's widow, now Mrs. Marguerite L. L. Sudreau, receives \$2,455,000, and his daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline L. Sudreau, gets \$4,900,000. By a compromise arrangement made after Lebaudy's death they are to divide their shares equally with the Countess Jeanne Marie De Fels, a sister of Lebaudy living in Paris.

Lebaudy's rise from a young Paris boulevardier to a personality attracting worldwide attention resulted from his quixotic project of establishing a kingdom in the Sahara Desert, with himself as its emperor. He laid claim in 1908 to 3,500,000 square miles, consisting chiefly of sand, and started a colony of 500 men there.

The venture lasted only about seven months and at the end of that time Lebaudy quit and came to New York. During his "reign" he established a court and gave out titles lavishly. A French cruiser had to be sent to Africa to bring away his followers after he had left.

He bought an estate, known as Phoenix Lodge and valued at \$45,000, at Westbury, L. I., where he established his wife and their child, Jacques.

line, who is its present owner. He spent most of his time in New York, however, and soon became a familiar figure in the hotels, where he went about attended by a retinue.

At last his eccentricities drove his wife to have him committed to a private asylum as incompetent but he escaped and later had his sanity established by the courts. He began to suspect his wife of a deep-laid conspiracy against him and made threats on her life.

Shot by Wife in Self-Defense
On the night of January 11, 1919, he went to his home in Westbury and attempted to attack Mme. Lebaudy. She shot and killed him and was arrested, but the grand jury failed to find an indictment. Following her release she returned to France with her daughter.

For a time they lived in retirement. Then the daughter's marriage to Roger Harris Sudreau, the subsequent efforts of the mother to annul the marriage, and finally the announcement that the mother herself had married her son-in-law's father, Henri Harris Sudreau, famous French detective, turned the spotlight of publicity once more in their direction.

The transfer tax appraisal sets at rest forever reports that Lebaudy had dissipated his fortune. Most of the estate is in French and English securities, but some of it is in South American mining stock. He owned 113,318 shares in the Cia Huanchaca de Bolivia, said to be one of the richest silver mines in the world. This stock is valued at

\$50,000. He also had 7,000 shares, valued at \$27,228.22, in the Cia Minera de Orure, in Bolivia. His estate includes one-third of the total value of unknown securities in Austria, Rumania and Germany, estimated at \$50,000, but not yet converted into cash. Lebaudy's Norwegian securities are worth \$103,302.72.

His French securities are valued at \$4,507,576.07, and his English at \$2,383,194.78. Cash now in American and Canadian banks totals \$4,203,291.18.

The Sudreaus, who are now in New York, are expected to sail for France next week.

Baby Shot, Father Held

Julius Brogard, tormented by the knowledge that a bullet accidentally discharged from his own revolver was lodged in the lung of his seven-month-old child Julia, was locked up last night in the Bergen County jail, while surgeons in Hackensack Hospital fought an almost hopeless battle for the life of the baby.

With the wounded child in his arms, Brogard was running down Elm Street, Bogota, on which he lives, when he met Chester W. Winters, Chief of Police. He told Winters that the revolver dropped from his pocket and was discharged when it struck the floor, the bullet drilling the wrist of his wife and entering the baby's chest. The Police Chief called an ambulance and placed Brogard under arrest.

Ship on Fire, Blast Wrecks 2 Dry Docks

Brooklyn Shaken by Explosion When Freighter Vaba Burns and Wharves Near By Quickly Catch Blaze

Other Vessels in Peril

No Loss of Life, but Members of Crew Have Narrow Escape; Boys Jump to Safety

Fire, believed to have been caused by a spark from an acetylene torch on board the oil-burning steamer Vaba of the Italian Commercial Oil Com-

pany's line, was followed yesterday by an explosion which shook that part of Brooklyn which adjoins Robins dry dock at the foot of Dwight Street. The ship was severely damaged, part of two docks were burned and the steamer Esparta of the United Fruit Line was scorched. There were no casualties, but two members of the Vaba's crew were forced to jump overboard to avoid suffocation on the burning ship.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock by a member of the Vaba's crew, who notified Chief Engineer William Spencer, who was in charge of the ship, the captain, Conrad Arneck, having resigned his position yesterday. Spencer turned in an alarm, and the first detachment of firemen to arrive turned in a second alarm, which brought Second Deputy Chief O'Hara, who ordered the third and fourth alarm.

All available apparatus concentrated on the fire from the land and water side of the dock. An attempt to open the dock and tow the burning ship into open water was defeated when it was found that the dock itself was on fire and the gates would not answer the opening mechanism.

Dry Republican League To Take Field in 1924

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Samuel Adams, of Chicago, head of an editorial association embracing many farm journals, who has been attending the governors' conference here, departed today for Washington to organize the "League of Dry Republicans."

Adams said organization of the league had been discussed with a number of Senators and Representatives and it would be active with the 1924 campaign in mind. It would establish headquarters in Washington, he said.

George Gernels and Charles Grimes, mess boys, were trapped on the burning ship after the rest of the crew had gone ashore. They jumped off the

stern of the boat and were taken from the water by the crew of the tug Leopard. They were somewhat the worse for their immersion and suffering from suffocation by the clouds of black smoke which rolled up from the hold of the burning vessel, but were not seriously hurt.

Sixteen tugs of the United States Shipping Board which were in the vicinity at the time worked rapidly under command of Captain Green, of the Shipping Board staff, to tow beyond the danger zone other ships lying in dock near the fire area. Among the ships pulled into open water was the President Arthur, of the United States Line.

The Vaba is a freighter of 7,325 tons. She left Cuba with a cargo of sugar about a month ago, and discharged part of her cargo at Norfolk, Va. At Norfolk the ship ran aground, and she was taken to the Robins dry dock for repair. When the fire broke out thirty-four members of the crew were on board as well as eighty-five men working in her oil tanks cleaning out the oil. The dense clouds of smoke and the noise of the explosion threw that section of Brooklyn which adjoins the docks into a temporary panic, and many thought that a catastrophe of major proportions had taken place.

Last Moonshine Bandit Arrested in Kentucky

Charles Ballard, Badly Wounded, Shows No Fight After Week's Battle in Woods

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—The round-up of the "Ballard gang," which furnished opposition to Federal prohibition forces in Menifee County's week-long moonshining war, was completed tonight with the capture of Charles Ballard.

Ballard, according to reports received at prohibition headquarters here, was arrested in Bath County by Sheriff Ben Wells. According to the report, he was so weakened by exposure and loss of blood from bullet wounds that he made no resistance.

Robert Ballard, brother of Charles and reputed leader of the outlaw band, died "with his boots on" when his cabin in Menifee County was surrounded by a force of twenty picked Federal men yesterday. Charles escaped from the cabin, but was wounded before he gained the shelter of the neighboring woods.

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